

**CHAPTER NO. 924**

**SENATE BILL NO. 3835**

**By Jackson, Bowers, Ketron, Harper, Finney**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 3829**

**By Coleman, Hood, Langster**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 211, relative to solid waste disposal planning.

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee is responsible for regulating safe disposal of construction wastes; and

WHEREAS, any construction waste which is used as raw material in a business reduces landfills; and

WHEREAS, some construction waste can damage the environment and the citizens of Tennessee if not disposed of correctly; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 211, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section thereto:

§ 68-211-125.

(a) Tennessee State University and Middle Tennessee State University are directed to perform a joint study of the present state of solid waste in Tennessee and recommend actions to encourage the minimizing of solid waste in landfills in the state, including the following areas:

(1) An analysis of Class IV construction and demolition waste and recommendations to encourage recycling and reuse of such materials;

(2) An analysis of hazardous waste and recommendations of methods to prevent such waste; and

(3) An analysis of methods of composting food, yard waste and paper products from businesses, schools, restaurants, food stores and other commercial sources when such products are not recycled, and recommendations of a plan to encourage and facilitate such composting, including, but not limited to, collection and composting methods, and the marketing requirements that would be needed for such a plan to be successful.

(b) The study required in subsection (a) shall be supplemented with any additional studies on reducing solid waste previously conducted by the comptroller of the treasury, the Department of Environment and Conservation, or any other state entity with knowledge of solid waste disposal.

(c) All appropriate state departments and agencies shall provide assistance to Tennessee State University and Middle Tennessee State University.

(d) Tennessee State University and Middle Tennessee State University shall report their findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation or interim reports, to the Senate Environment, Conservation and Tourism Committee and the House Conservation and Environment Committee by February 15, 2007.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 27, 2006**

  
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SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 2006**

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR